

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An easy-to-manufacture, easy-to-use disposable pet diaper comprising:

a lightweight upper portion;

an absorbent bottom portion;

wherein said absorbent bottom portion comprises:

a central superabsorbent portion; and

left and right absorbent portions;

means for securely attaching the diaper to the pet; and

layered means for absorbing generally liquid discharge of the pet, whereby the diaper closely conforms to the contours of the pet's body.

2. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 1, wherein the pet diaper comprises a one-piece construction.

3. (Currently Amended) The pet diaper of claim 1, wherein the means for attaching further comprises a left slit and a right slit on [[a]] the bottom portion of the diaper.

4. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 1, wherein the means for attaching further comprises an elongated strip on each side of the upper portion of the diaper.

5. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 4, wherein the elongated strip is partially detachable from the diaper.

6. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 5, wherein the strips are passable

through corresponding slits in the bottom portion of the diaper.

7. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 6, wherein the strips are capable of being fastened together.

8. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 1, further comprising means for holding the diaper around the pet's tail.

9. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 1, wherein the upper portion comprises a soft layer and a plastic layer.

10. (Previously Amended) The pet diaper of claim 9, wherein the soft layer comprises fabric and the plastic layer comprises polyethylene.

11. (Previously Amended) The pet diaper of claim 1, wherein the bottom portion is at least partially rigid.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The pet diaper of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 1, wherein the superabsorbent portion comprises:

a plastic layer;

a sodium polyacrylate layer; and

a soft layer.

14. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 13, wherein the polyacrylate layer lies between an upper means for storing liquid and a lower means for storing liquid.

15. (Previously Amended) The pet diaper of claim 14, wherein the upper means for storing and the lower means for storing are comprised of cellulose.

16. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 13, wherein the sodium polyacrylate is

formed into elongated channels.

17. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 14, wherein the superabsorbent portion comprises glued layers.

18. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 13, wherein the left and right absorbent portions each comprise glued layers.

19. (Currently Amended) The pet diaper of claim [[12]] 1, wherein the absorbent portion comprises:

- a plastic layer;
- a means for storing liquid; and
- a soft layer.

20. (Original) The pet diaper of claim 19, wherein the soft layer comprises a felt-like material.

21. (Previously Amended) The pet diaper of claim 17, wherein the means for storing are comprised of cellulose.

22. (Cancelled)

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37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) An easy-to-manufacture, easy-to-use disposable pet

diaper comprising:

a lightweight upper portion;

an absorbent bottom portion;

means for securely attaching the diaper to a pet, said means for attaching

comprising:

a left slit and a right slit on ~~[[a]]~~ the bottom portion of the diaper;

and

an elongated strip on each side of the upper portion of the diaper to

be inserted through said left slit and said right slit of the bottom portion;

means for holding the diaper around the pet's tail; and

layered means for absorbing generally liquid discharge of the pet, whereby

the diaper closely conforms to the contours of the pet's body; and

wherein the pet diaper comprises a unitary, one-piece construction.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 38, wherein the elongated strip on each side of the upper portion of the diaper comprises a left elongated strip and a right elongated strip connected to the upper portion of the diaper.

41. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 38, wherein:

the left elongated strip of the upper portion of the diaper is inserted through the corresponding left slit of the bottom portion;

the right elongated strip of the upper portion of the diaper is inserted through the corresponding right slit of the bottom portion; and

the left and right elongated strips pulled to the back of the pet and are tied together or otherwise fastened to securely attach the diaper to the pet.

42. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 41, wherein the elongated strip is partially detachable from the diaper.

43. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 38, wherein the strips are passable through diagonally opposing, rather than corresponding, slits in the bottom portion of the diaper.

44. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 43, wherein the strips are capable of being fastened together.

45. (Previously Added) The pet diaper of claim 38, wherein said means for holding the diaper around the pet's tail comprises an aperture passing through the upper portion of the diaper for accommodating said pet's tail, which will pass through said aperture.